

### **Amendments to the Claims**

Please amend the claims as shown below.

1. (Canceled).
2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the criteria include an identity of a party to the collateral agreement.
3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the criteria include a type of the unsecured receivable.
4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the criteria are applied pursuant to the processing of a new or existing the unsecured receivable.
5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the criteria are applied pursuant to the processing of a new or existing the collateral agreement.
6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the link is formed between the receivable object and an object representing a portion of the collateral agreement.
7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the link is formed between an object representing a component of the receivable and the collateral agreement object.
8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the link is formed between an object representing a component of the receivable and an object representing a portion of the collateral agreement.
- 9-14. (Canceled).
15. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 30, wherein the collateral agreement includes a plurality of portions, each of the portions having assigned thereto a value that is a part of a total value of the collateral agreement.

16. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 30, wherein the collateral agreement includes a plurality of portions, each of the portions having associated therewith distinct criteria for forming a link between a respective portion and a receivable secured by the collateral agreement.

17. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 30, wherein the collateral agreement includes a plurality of portions, each of the portions having a priority.

18. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 30, wherein the link is formed between the receivable object and an object representing a portion of the collateral agreement.

19. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 30, wherein the link is formed between an object representing a component of the receivable and the collateral agreement object.

20. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 30, wherein the link is formed between an object representing a component of the receivable and an object representing a portion of the collateral agreement.

21-27. (Canceled).

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the collateral agreement includes a plurality of portions, each of the portions having assigned thereto a value that is a part of a total value of the collateral agreement.

29. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for managing receivables and a collateral agreement in a computer system, a collateral agreement object created including a plurality of collateral objects and a global declaration of purpose object comprising,  
when a new receivable object is created in the computer system representing an unsecured receivable:

applying, by the computer system, criteria identified in the global declaration of purpose object to the new receivable object, the criteria specifying requirements for securing the unsecured receivable to at least one collateral specified in the collateral agreement object managed by the computer system;

if the unsecured receivable meets the criteria of the global declaration of purpose object, recording the new receivable object in the computer system with a link that directly identifies the collateral agreement object;

if the unsecured receivable does not meet criteria of any global declaration of purpose object stored by the system, recording the new receivable object in the computer system without a link to the collateral agreement object.

30. (Currently Amended) A hardware machine-readable medium ~~comprising~~ having stored thereon executable instructions, the executable instructions which, when executed, cause a processor to perform a process for managing receivables and a collateral agreement in a computer system, a collateral agreement object created including a plurality of collateral objects and a global declaration of purpose object, the method comprising[[.]]:

when a new receivable object is created in the computer system representing an unsecured receivable:

applying, by the computer system, criteria identified in the global declaration of purpose object to the new receivable object, the criteria specifying requirements for securing the unsecured receivable to at least one collateral specified in the collateral agreement object managed by the computer system;

if the unsecured receivable meets the criteria of the global declaration of purpose object, recording the new receivable object in the computer system with a link that directly identifies the collateral agreement object;

if the unsecured receivable does not meet criteria of any global declaration of purpose object stored by the system, recording the new receivable object in the computer system without a link to the collateral agreement object.

31. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for managing receivables and a collateral agreement in a computer system, a collateral agreement object created including a plurality of collateral objects and a global declaration of purpose object comprising,

when a new collateral agreement object is created in the computer system representing the collateral agreement:

applying, by the computer system, criteria identified in the global declaration of purpose object to a plurality of receivable objects, the global declaration of purpose object specifying requirements for securing an unsecured receivable to the new collateral agreement, and

for any receivable object that meets criteria of the global declaration of purpose object, storing a link in association with the respective receivable object that directly identifies the new collateral agreement object as related to the receivable object.

32. (Currently Amended) A hardware machine-readable medium comprising having stored thereon executable instructions, the executable instructions which, when executed, cause a processor to perform a process for managing receivables and a collateral agreement in a computer system, a collateral agreement object created including a plurality of collateral objects and a global declaration of purpose object, the method comprising[[.]]:

when a new collateral agreement object is created in the computer system representing the collateral agreement:

applying, by the computer system, criteria identified in the global declaration of purpose object to a plurality of receivable objects, the global declaration of purpose object specifying requirements for securing an unsecured receivable to the new collateral agreement, and

for any receivable object that meets criteria of the global declaration of purpose object, storing a link in association with the respective receivable object that directly identifies the new collateral agreement object as related to the receivable object.